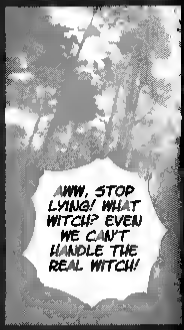
CHAPTER 5:

THE WITCH, THE PRINCESS AND THE COUNT PART III



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THE REAL WITCH IS THIS TALL!
AND SHE FLIES AROUND ON A MAGICAL BROOM THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN'T DO WITH HER MAGIC!
AND SHE'S A SCARRY OLD HAG WITH A CROOKED NOSE!

THOSE ARE BASELESS RUMOURS!!!
UWAH!!!!
哇啊

STOP!

UWAH!!!!! RUN!!!!

KEKEKE... THOSE KIDS FINALLY UNDERSTAND HOW GREAT I AM...
BUMP!

I WILL REMEMBER YOU KIDS!
ONCE I REGAIN MY POWERS, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU REGRET IT! I'LL HAVE YOU CRYINGFOR MERCY!
I AM THE REAL GREAT TOMATO WITCH, DEIVEISS!

YOU...
YOU ARE DEIVEISS, THE WITCH?
SO WHAT IF I AM?
HEY...! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!
LET GO!!
HELP SOMEONE HELP ME!!!
DEIVEISS, WHO HADN'T CHANGED A BIT IN 20 YEARS, WAS CARRIED AWAY BY A MASKED MAN...

AND SHE WAS LOCKED IN AN UNKNOWN PLACE AS A RESULT.
THOSE ARE ALL ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WASHED IN 20 YEARS
WA!!!!
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I WARN YOU, SHOULD YOU LAZE OR SLACK IN YOUR WORK,
I WILL STOP SUPPLYING YOU WITH FOOD YOU DECIDE FOR YOURSELF!
I WILL RETURN TOMORROW.
YOU WOULD DO BEST BY WASHING ALL OF THAT BY THEN.
BAM!
空隆
THERE WAS NO ESCAPE.
HE SEEMS LIKE QUITE AN EVIL GUY. DON'T TELL
GROWL
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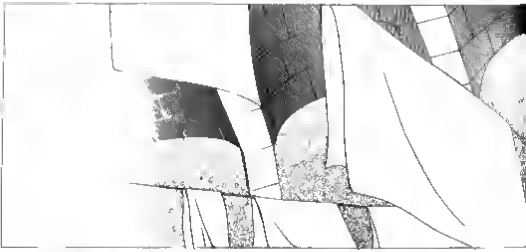
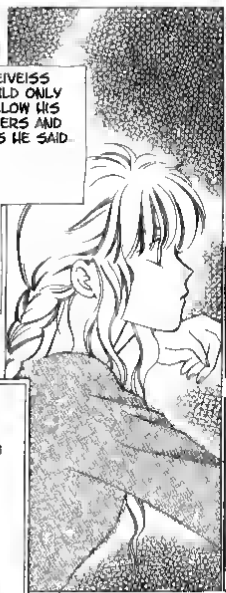
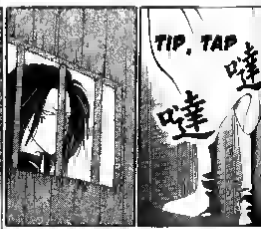



DEIVEISS COULD ONLY FOLLOW HIS ORDERS AND DO AS HE SAID.
THE MASKED MAN WOULD OFTEN APPEAR AFTER DARK AND LEAVE HER FOOD BEFORE LEAVING AGAIN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TOMATOES AGAIN? ALTHOUGH I LIKE THEM.

AND SO, A FEW YEARS PASSED
OUCH!
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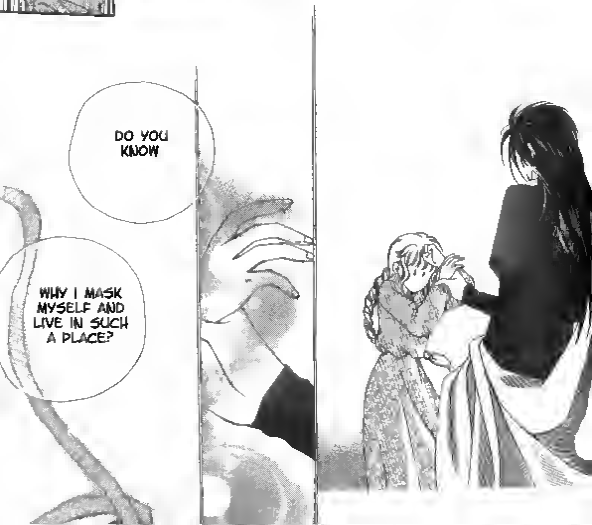
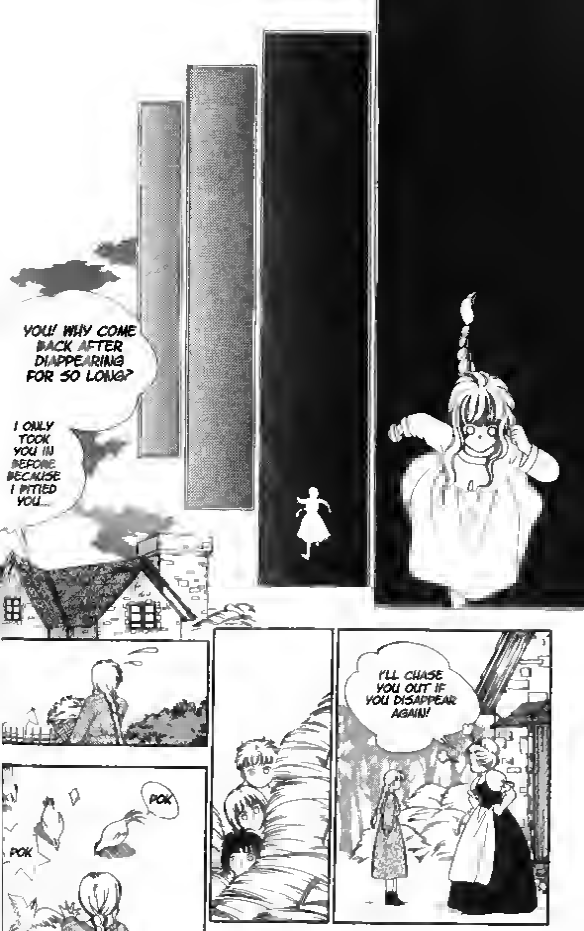
FINISH IT QUICKLY AND CLEAN THE KITCHEN AS WELL.
SLAM!
空隆
YOU CANNOT FINISH YOUR WORK AGAIN?
ONCE I REGAIN MY POWERS,
SCOLD. SCOLD. SCOLD
I'LL COME AFTER YOU FIRST!

BECAUSE MY POWERS WILL RETURN ANYTIME! AS LONG AS A PERSON WHO TRULY LOVES ME APPEARS! MAYBE EVEN NOW!
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I COULD MAKE A PERSON LIKE YOU FREEZE IN YORU STEPS WITH ONE FINGERTIP!
UH!!!!
嘲笑


DO YOU KNOW
WHY I MASK MYSELF AND LIVE IN SUCH A PLACE?

ALL SINCE THAT DAY
MY LIFE WAS RUINED IN AN INSTANT
WEEP
NO JUST MY FRIENDS BUT EVEN MY SERVANTS HAVE LEFT ME WHILE I WAS UNAWARE
THE WOMAN WHO WAS ONCE ENGAGED TO ME DESERTED ME AND MARRIED ANOTHER
THAT DAY WHEN YOU PUT THIS HATEFUL CURSE ON ME!
HIDING MY AGELESS FACE FROM PEOPLE AND LIVING IN OBSECURITY I HAVE LIVED THE PAST 20 YEARS IN SOLITUDE WHILE PEOPLE FEAR AND AVOID ME
ULTIMATELY I AM BUT A MONSTER IN THEIR EYES HOW DARE YOU SPROUT SUCH IDEALS WHEN YOU RUINED A PERSON'S LIFE LIKE SUCH?

DO YOU REALLY DESERVE ANY LOVE?
DO YOU KNOW LONLINESS? OR EVEN DESPAIR?
LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! IF YOU DO NOT DISAPPEAR FROM BEFORE MY EYES,
I WILL LOCK YOU HERE FOR ETERNITY!
LEAVE NOW!

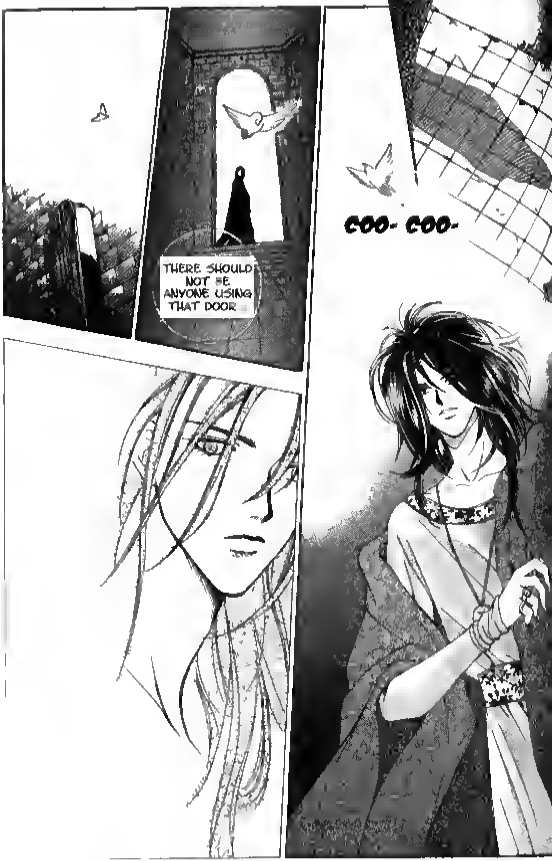

YOU! WHY COME BACK AFTER DISAPPEARING FOR SO LONG?
I ONLY TOOK YOU IN BEFORE BECAUSE I PITIED YOU...
I'LL CHASE YOU OUT IF YOU DISAPPEAR AGAIN!
POK
POK

IT'S REALLY STRANGE...
WE REALLY SAW IT!!
HEY! SAY SOMETHING!
HOW DID YOU ESCAPE?
I HEARD THAT HE'S CURSED AND NOT HUMAN!
WEREN'T YOU TAKEN BY THE MONSTER COUNT?
HOW DID YOU ESCAPE? DOES THAT MONSTER EAT PEOPLE?

WERE YOU SCARED?
ENOUGH!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE COUNT?!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW TO SAY SUCH THINGS?
YOU KNOW NOTHING!
IT WAS ONLY THEN, THAT DEIVEISS REGRETTED HER ACTIONS WHOLEHEARTEDLY
YOU KNOW NOTHING AT ALL...
ONLY THEN, DID SHE REALISE THAT SHE WAS WRONG RIGHT FROM THE START...

HER FOOLISH HEART HAD HIDDEN THE TRUTH AND BROUGHT ABOUT THIS FOOLISH GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK
WASTING SUCH A LONG TIME, SEARCHING...
WHY DIDN'T SHE REALISE SOONER?
WHAT'S THAT?!
SHE'S... SHE'S REALLY A WITCH!

THE TRUTH IS ALWAYS HIDDEN IN THE DEPTHS OF ONE'S HEART LIKE
LAND.
WHERE DID IT FLY IN FROM?


THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANYONE USING THAT DOOR
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ACTUALLY
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SO SAID THE COUNT
FOOLISH WITCH, YOU GAVE UP THE LAST CHANCE THAT I GAVE YOU. FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN THIS CASTLE FOREVER.

I WILL NEVER RELEASE YOU AGAIN
AND SO, THE SPENT THEIR DAYS HAPPILY EVER AFTER
THEREAFTER, THEIR STORY WAS OFTEN THE TEA-TIME GOSSIP OF THE PEOPLE AND BECAME THE BASIS OF MANY FAIRYTALES
OKAY...
EVEN IF IT WERE A FICTICIOUS STORY...
KOO-HOOOOO!!

FAMILY?
OF COURSE I HAVE FAMILY. A MOTHER AND A FATHER.
THEY'RE NOT PARENTS AT ALL!!
HUH? REALLY? WHERE ARE THEY?
THE CURSE OF AGELESSNESS AND SLEEPING IN THE DAY COUPLED WITH THE CURSE TO EAT TOMATOES AND NOTHING ELSE WAS INHERITED BY THE NEXT GENERATION
RUMOUR HAS IT THAT HIS SON IS STILL LIVING IN A REMOTE CASTLE WITH SHIMBA.
UHH... I WONDER IF HE GOT HIS TEMPER FROM HIS MOM OR DAD?
THEY SHOULD BE LIVING HAPPILY SOMEWHERE! THOSE HORRIBLE PARENTS, TRICKING THEIR INNOCENT SON AND LOCKING ME HERE AFTER MAKING ME THE COUNT!
THEY DON'T EVEN CARE IF I AM ALIVE, SENDING NO MESSAGES HOME AT ALL! DO THEY THINK IT IS RIGHT TO ABANDON THEIR CHILD AND RUN OFF HAPPILY?!!!
OF COURSE IT'S UP TO YOU TO BELIEVE IT!